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SONYA, MIAH, COLERIDGE, AND NATHANIEL!  
LOVE IS LOVE. -AM**

**TO MY SON HEITOR, WHO LOVES WHAT I DO. AND TO MY WIFE JO, WHO  
WAS WITH ME UNTIL LATE AT NIGHT WHILE I ILLUSTRATED THIS BOOK.  
LOVE YOU GUYS. -LA**

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Once Upon A Time...

I don't know why everyone looks in the mirror so much.

All most people can see is their flaws...

The things that make them less than perfect...

My stepmother is a great example.

She was the runner-up in the Miss Italia pageant a long time ago, a beauty queen...

Nowadays, she just complains about her flaws, her headaches, and if she remembers to, about me.

DID YOU FINISH YOUR HOMEWORK, ELENA?

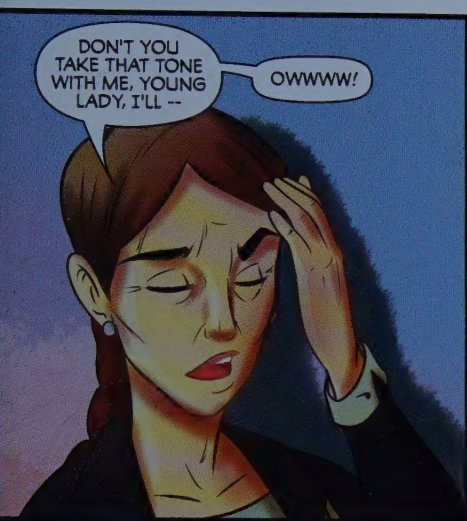
And I'm not what anybody would call perfect

YES, MOM. I'M ALL DONE.

YOU NEED TO BE SURE YOU ARE BEFORE YOU GO TO YOUR "JOB."

I KNOW. AND I'LL MAKE MYSELF DINNER TONIGHT.







BING BONG  
BING

RIGHT ON  
TIME, ELENA. AS  
USUAL, THE KIDS  
HAVE ALL BEEN SO  
UNDERFOOT  
TODAY.

AND  
WITH MY KNEE,  
THAT'S THE LAST  
THING I NEED.

MY  
PLEASURE.  
YOU READY TO  
GO, BELA?

COME ON,  
SHILOH AND  
LUCY. TRY TO  
SHOW A LITTLE  
EXCITEMENT.

SONNY!  
WHO'S THE  
WONDER  
DOG?



I don't have one dog full time, but I've got six dogs part-time!

I get to walk them, exercise them, sometimes feed them, and I get paid for it! Bonus!

The only problem is that I've got to keep them all out of the way of bigger predators, like cars, bikes, skateboards, and people on their phones!

HEY YOU GUYS, GIVE ME A LITTLE SLACK!

THANKS, ELENA.

GENIE JUST HAD A BATH AND A TOWEL FLUFF, SO PLEASE TRY TO KEEP HER OUT OF THE DIRT!

ABSOLUTELY, MRS. C.

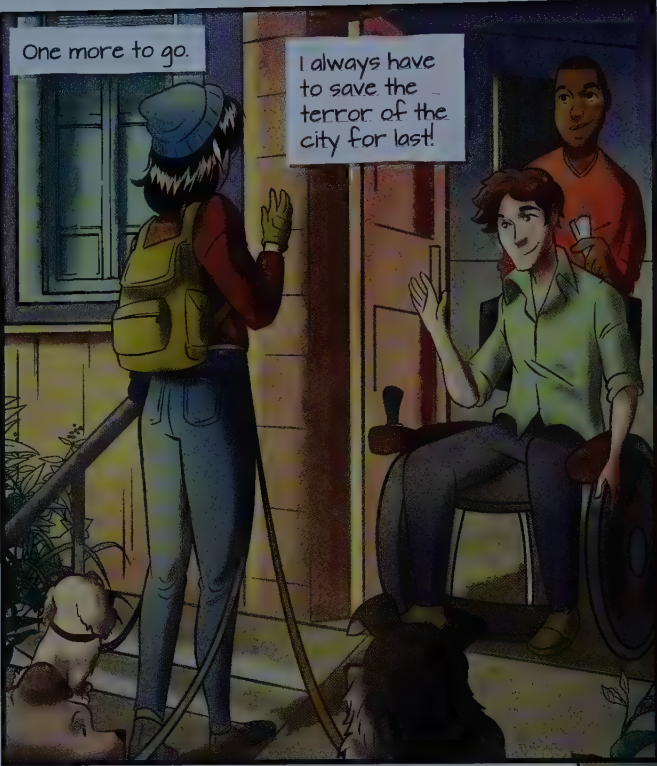
NO MUD PIES FOR YOU, GENIE.

ONLY TUG-OF-WAR ON DRY GRASS!

I'M NOT CARRYING YOU THE WHOLE TIME THOUGH. TIME TO GET YOUR STEPS IN, TINY LEGS OR NOT!

BURRFF





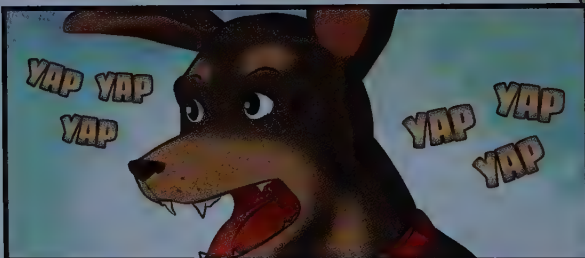
One more to go.

I always have to save the terror of the city for last!

If only to protect my eardrums...

HERE YOU GO, HE'S BEEN GOOD TODAY. HE ONLY BIT MY NEIGHBOR'S SHOE ONCE.

YAP  
YAP YAP YAP  
YAP YAP



YAP YAP  
YAP

YAP YAP  
YAP



RRRRRRRR

YEEP



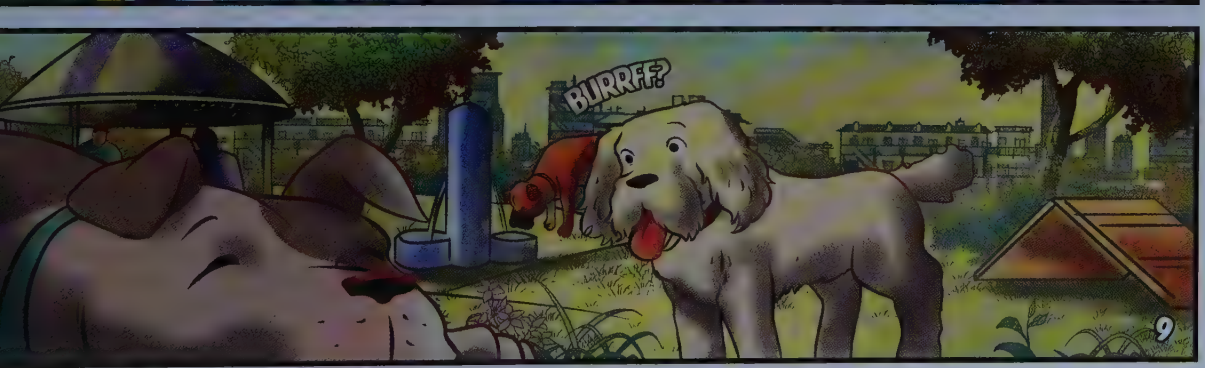
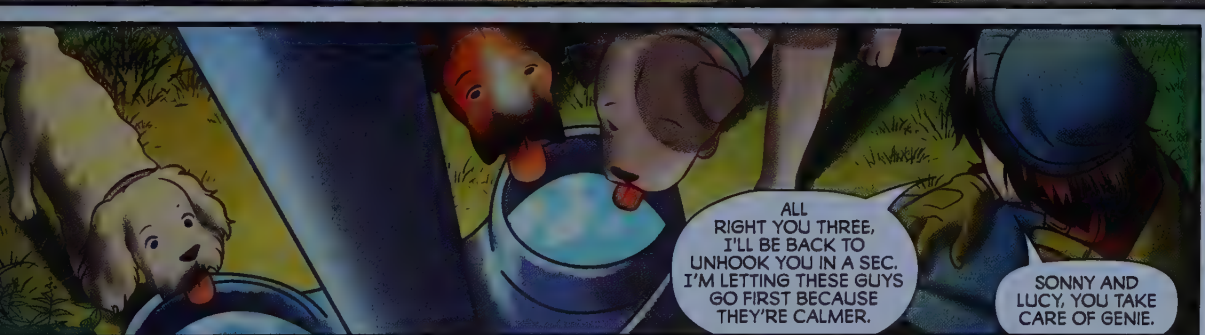
Elena Chione and Her Six Dogs...

It sounds like the world's worst band name.


I suppose it could be even worse though.

If it were up to the kids at school, it would probably be "Six Dogs and skunky."

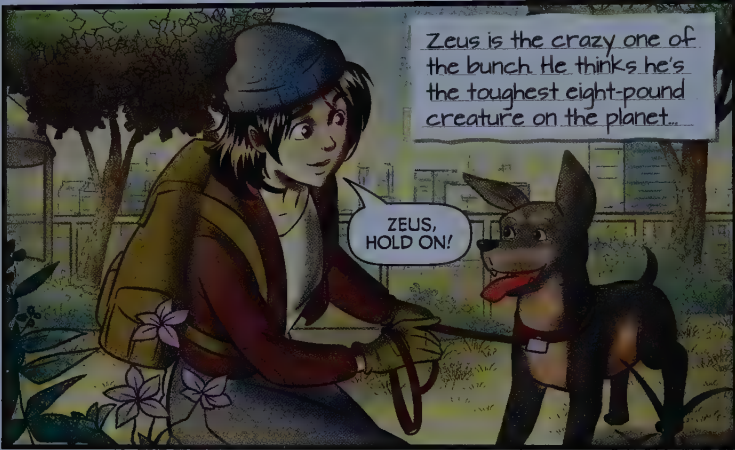








HERE WE GO,  
KIDS. FREEDOM  
AWAITS!




Zeus is the crazy one of  
the bunch. He thinks he's  
the toughest eight-pound  
creature on the planet...

ZEUS,  
HOLD ON!




YAP  
YAP YAP YAP  
YAP YAP




Bela's the total opposite. She's  
also the oldest. Nothing ever  
bothers her. She's always in  
a good mood.

OK  
KIDS, I'VE GOT  
TWO BALLS TO  
CHASE --

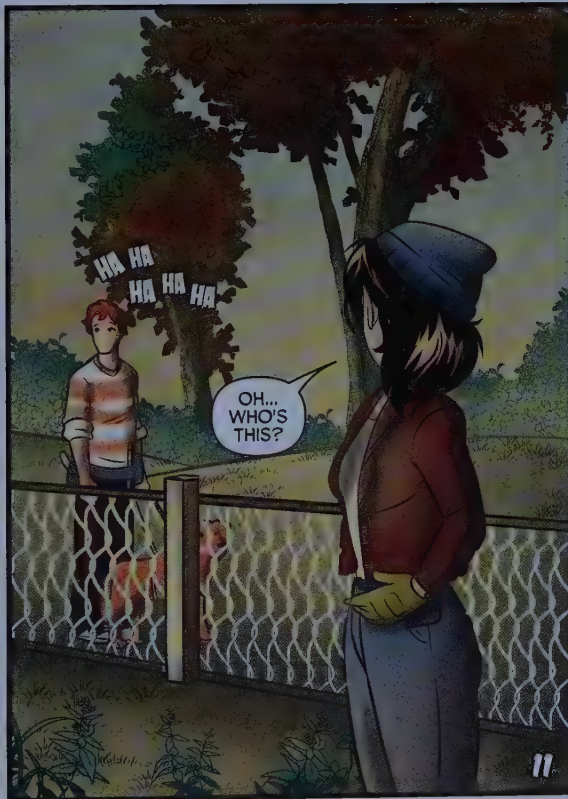
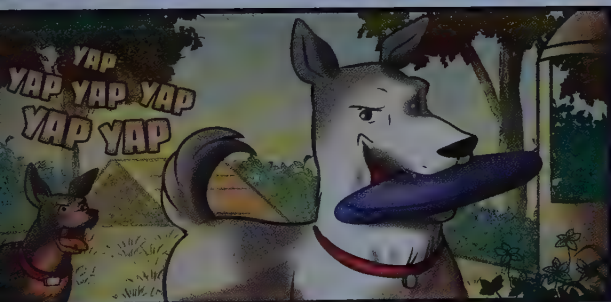
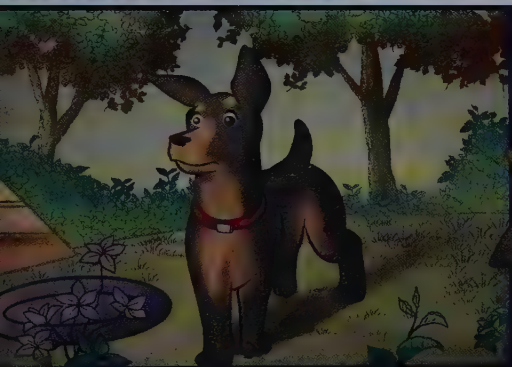
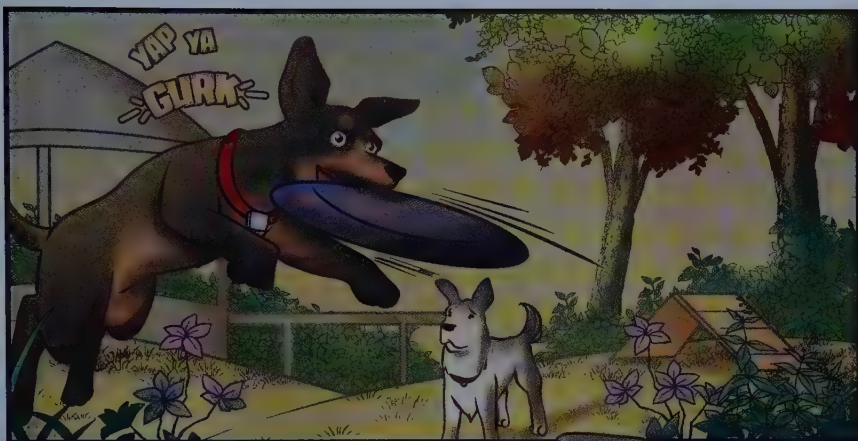


OR MAYBE  
NOT...



Shilo's just kind of  
hyperactive. And he  
sneezes all the time.









HEY THERE! YOU CAN COME IN. THE LITTLE ONE'S BARK IS WORSE THAN HIS BITE.

I MEAN, HE MIGHT BITE YOUR SHOE, BUT...



HE'S LITTLE, HUH? EVEN WITH A NAME LIKE ZEUS?

THAT'S PROBABLY WHY HE'S GOT A COMPLEX.



I'M NOT SURE THAT IT'S A GOOD IDEA FOR US TO COME IN THERE, AT LEAST NOT WITHOUT AN ESCORT.



WHAT DO YOU -- LUCY, GIVE ME THE BALL!



SERIOUSLY, MY DOGS WON'T BE A PROBLEM.

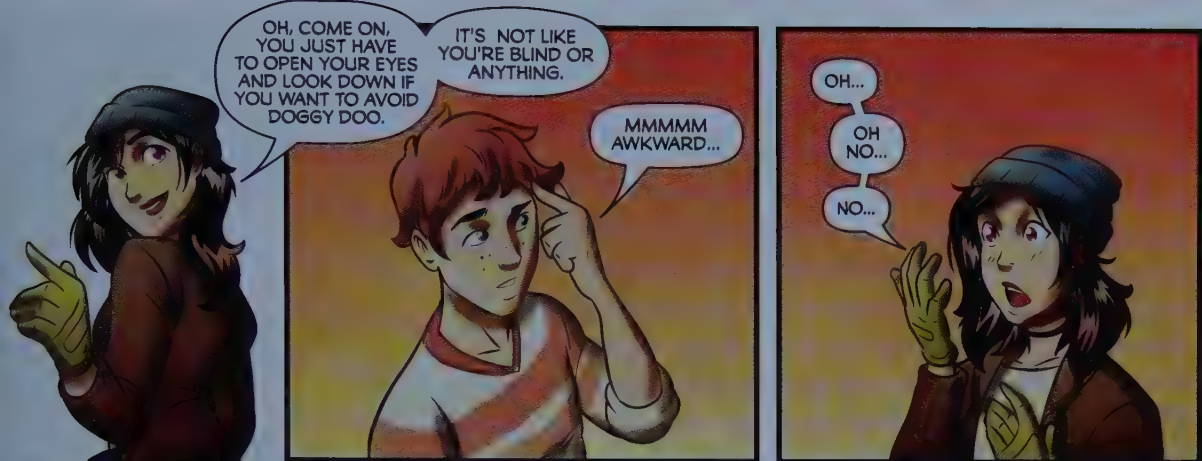
I'LL VACATE THE OFF-LEASH CAGE IF YOU'RE REALLY SCARED OF THEM.



OH, IT'S NOT THE DOGS I'M WORRIED ABOUT, IT'S THE MESS THEY LEAVE BEHIND.

KESSIE'S GREAT AT MOST THINGS, BUT SHE DOESN'T ALWAYS WARN ME WHEN I'M ABOUT TO STEP INTO SOMETHING... MESSY.





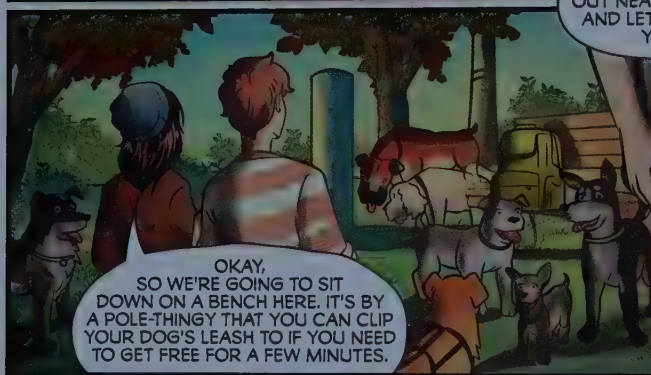




SO  
SHOULD I  
JUST GRAB  
YOUR HAND  
OR...

NOPE.  
NEVER GRAB A  
BLIND PERSON,  
UNLESS THERE'S  
ABOUT TO BE AN  
ACCIDENT. IT'S  
TOO SCARY.

PUT  
YOUR ELBOW  
OUT NEAR MY HAND  
AND LET ME GRAB  
YOU.



OKAY,  
SO WE'RE GOING TO SIT  
DOWN ON A BENCH HERE. IT'S BY  
A POLE-THINGY THAT YOU CAN CLIP  
YOUR DOG'S LEASH TO IF YOU NEED  
TO GET FREE FOR A FEW MINUTES.



THAT'S  
ZEUS. HE'S  
THE ONE  
YOU SA --  
HEARD  
EARLIER.

AND  
WHO ARE  
YOU?

WHAT?



OH, I'M  
SORRY, I NEVER  
INTRODUCED  
MYSELF.

I'M ELENA  
CHIONE, NICE TO  
MEET YOU.



NICE TO  
MEET YOU, TOO.  
I'M ZACH...ZACH  
BUCKLEY IF  
YOU'RE BEING  
FORMAL.

WHY  
ARE YOU  
BLUSHING?

WHAT?  
HOW DID  
YOU --

I CAN  
HEAR IT.





SEE, THAT'S NOT FAIR. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO BELIEVE YOU OR NOT.

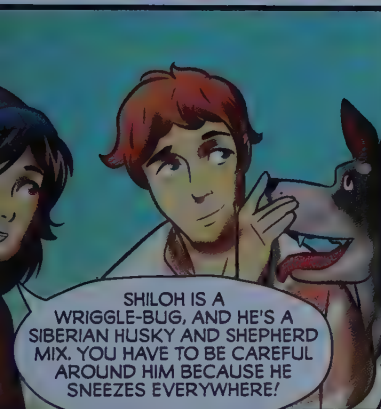
ANYHOW...

ZEUS IS A CHIHUAHUA-PINSCHER MIX, AND HE'S GRUMPY ALL THE TIME.



THIS IS BELA. SHE'S A MIX OF AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD AND BORDER COLLIE, WHICH MAKES HER A REALLY SMART DOG. AND SHE'S HAPPY CONSTANTLY.

THAT COMES FROM HAVING ALL THIS BEAUTIFUL FUR.



SHILOH IS A WRIGGLE-BUG, AND HE'S A SIBERIAN HUSKY AND SHEPHERD MIX. YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL AROUND HIM BECAUSE HE SNEEZES EVERYWHERE!



YOU'RE A BRAVE ONE, AREN'T YOU? BOXER?

BOXER-PITBULL MIX. THIS IS LUCY, AND SHE'S A LITTLE INTENSE, BUT A LOT DOPEY.



AND THAT'S SONNY. HE'S A FULL PITBULL, BUT HE'D RATHER SLEEP THAN STAND GUARD.



THE LAST ONE THERE IS GENIE. SHE'S PART MALTESE, PART POODLE. THEY CALL IT "MALTIPOO."

SHE'S VERY BASHFUL UNLESS YOU'VE GOT A SEIZURE COMING ON. SHE'S SPECIALLY TRAINED TO SPOT THOSE, AND SHE WON'T STOP BARKING UNTIL YOU'VE GOT HELP.

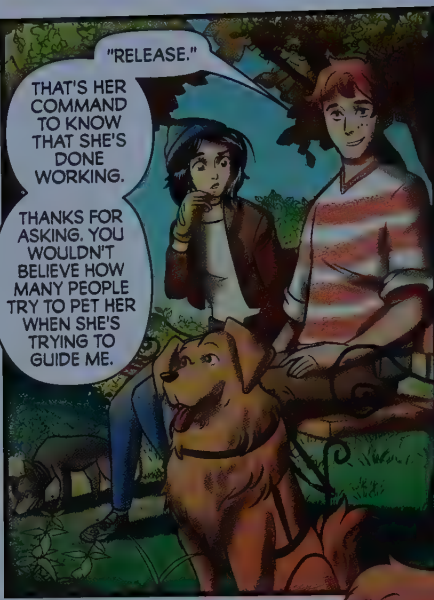


WELL, NOW THAT I'VE MET ALL OF YOURS, THIS IS KESSIE.

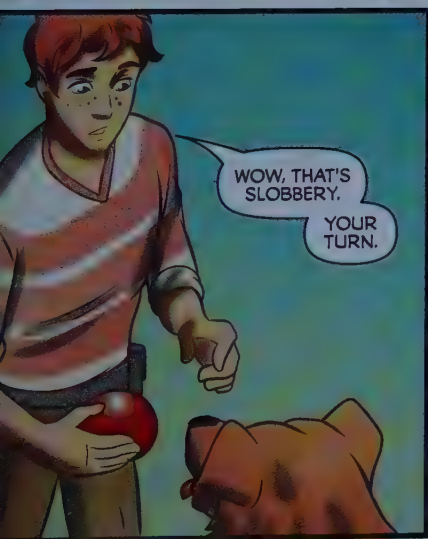
CAN I PET HER?

NOT YET.













IT'S FUN TO HAVE SOMEBODY TO TALK TO WHO ISN'T SCARED OF THE WHOLE BLIND THING.

WHY WOULD I BE?

SOME PEOPLE ARE. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

CAN I...DO YOU MIND IF I TOUCH YOUR FACE?



UMMM, SURE?

IT'S SO I GET SOME SENSE OF YOU AS A PHYSICAL PERSON.



YOU'RE WEARING A HAT. IS THAT SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS DO?

YEAH, IT HELPS ME HIDE.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO HIDE FROM?



I HAVE THIS...CONDITION CALLED "POLIOSIS." IT MEANS I'VE GOT A WHITE STREAK THROUGH MY BLACK HAIR. AND I CAN'T DYE IT OUT.

THE KIDS AT SCHOOL HAVE BEEN CALLING ME "SKUNKY" SINCE I CAN REMEMBER.

SO, IT'S JUST BETTER TO HIDE WHAT MAKES ME STAND OUT.



YEAH, I CAN TOTALLY SEE HOW IT MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE PEPE LE PEW.

WHAT?



HOW WOULD I KNOW? I'VE NEVER SEEN A SKUNK!

HA HA! WELL, THEY DO LOOK BETTER THAN THEY SMELL, BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE ONE.

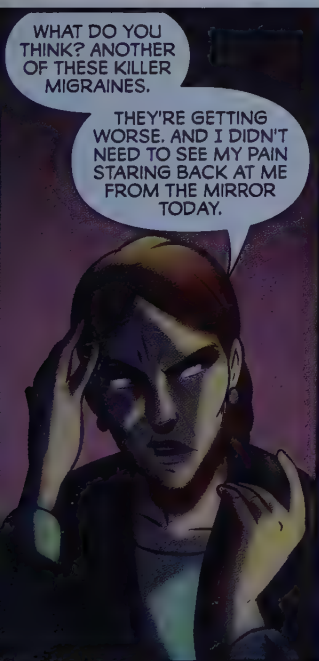
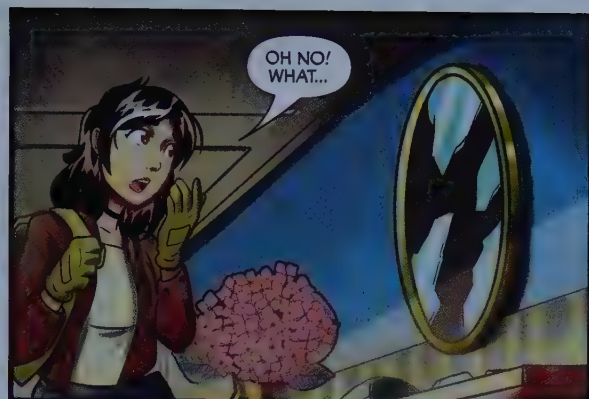


IT'S GETTING LATE, AND I'VE GOT TO GET THE DOGS BACK.

MAYBE WE CAN MEET AGAIN SOMETIME?

THAT WOULD BE NICE. I PROMISE NOT TO BUST YOUR CHOPS TOO MUCH! AND HERE'S MY CARD. CALL IF YOU'D LIKE.







I saw Zach almost every day for dog walks after that, as fall turned to winter.

I'd pick up my six dogs, and then I'd go meet him and Kessie.

He usually met me with a milkshake or a smoothie, or some hot chocolate once it got colder.

It was very sweet.

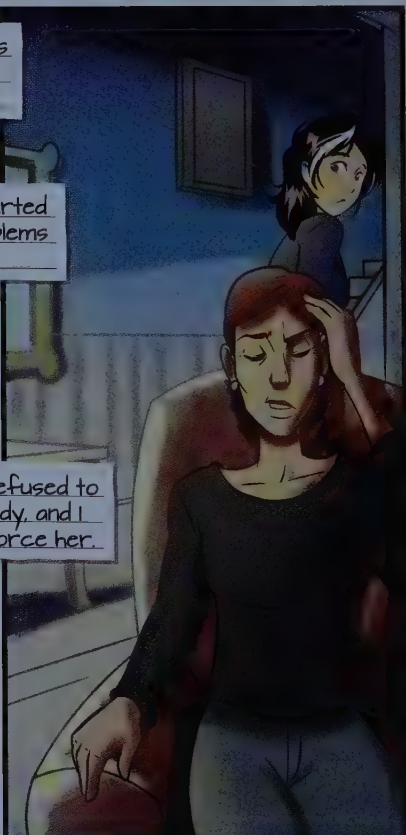
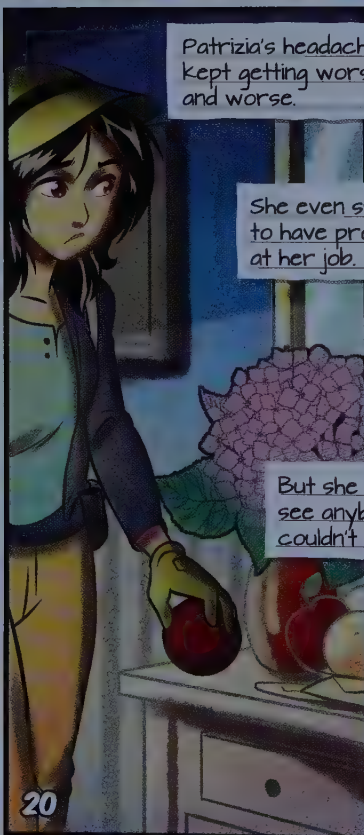
He was very sweet.



Patrizia's headaches kept getting worse and worse.

She even started to have problems at her job.

But she refused to see anybody, and I couldn't force her.

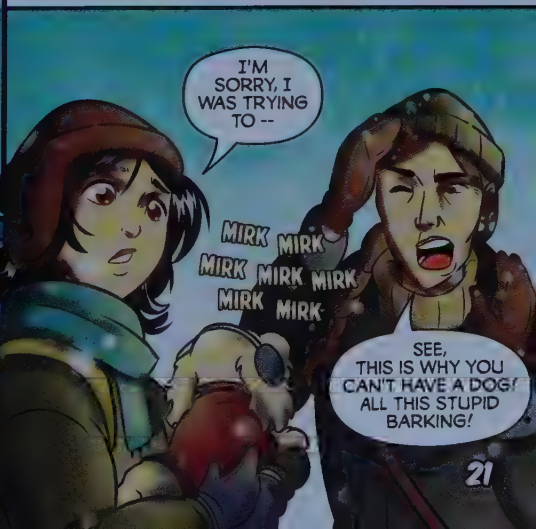
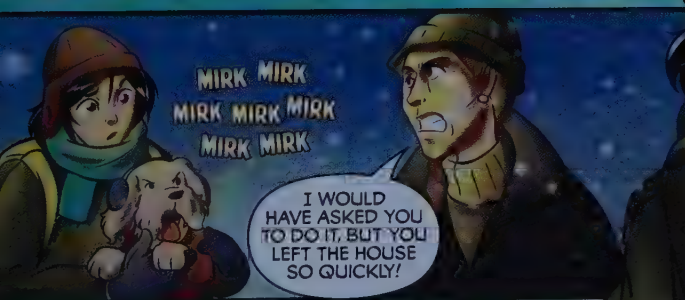
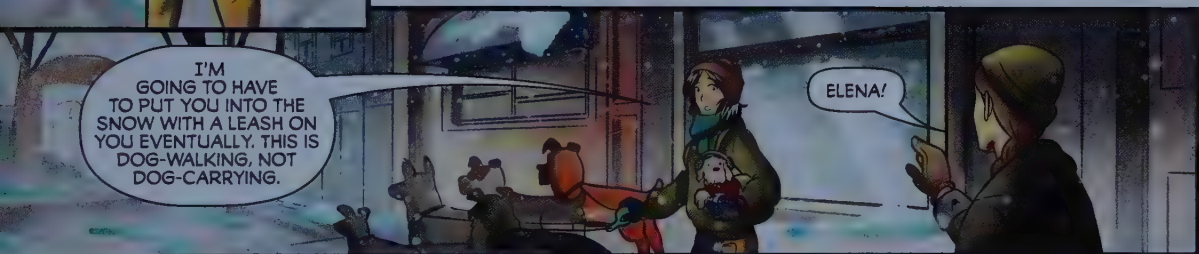
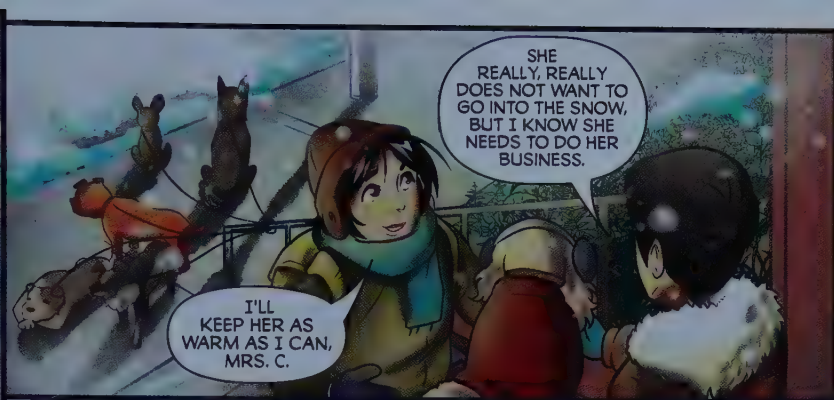
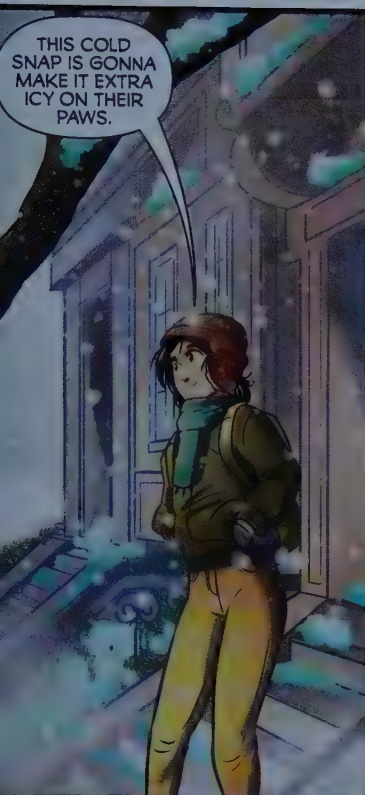


I tried to tell Dad, but she always put on a happy face when she would video-call him.



She hid her pain from others as easily as I did when I slipped on a hat over my hair.













COME ON, GUYS.

DON'T MAKE ME CLIMB DOWN TO GET YOU.

IT'S ICY...



WHOOOOOAAH!



KRAK





MIRK  
MIRK

YAP YAP  
YAP YAP

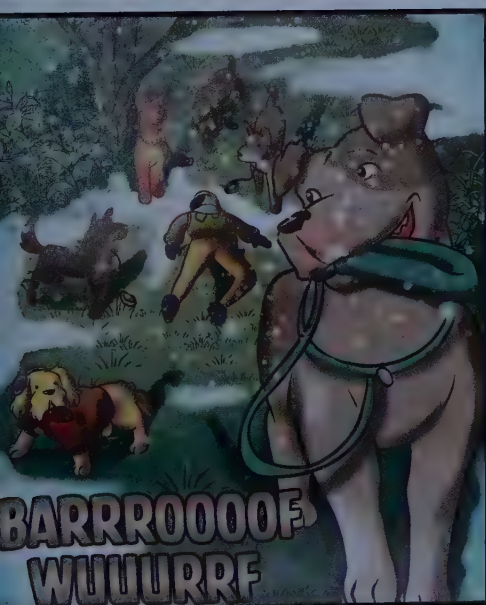
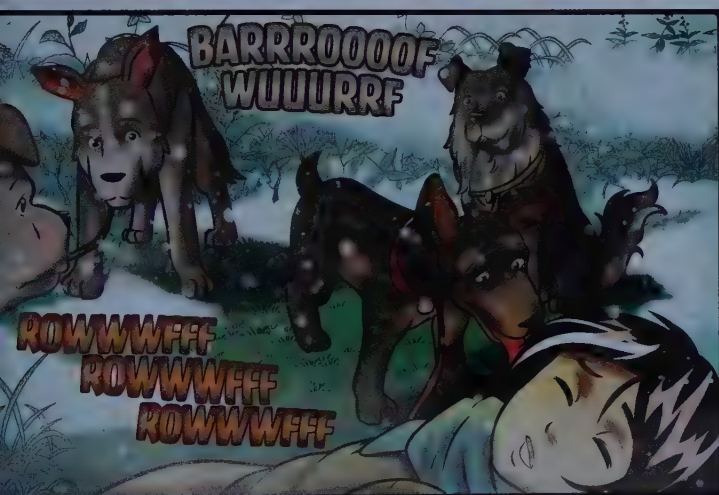


RAARRE  
RAARRE

WERRRFFFF

TARRROOOOOOO







ELENA  
SHOULD BE  
ALONG ANY  
MINUTE,  
KESSIE.

I DON'T  
IMAGINE YOU LIKE  
THE COLD ON YOUR  
HIND END ANY  
BETTER THAN  
I DO.

MIRK MIRK MIRK  
MIRK MIRK  
MIRK

WUUURRF  
WUUURRF  
WUUURRF

SONNY? WHO'S  
WITH YOU? I DON'T  
RECOGNIZE THAT  
BARK.

WHERE'S  
ELENA?

WUUURRF  
WUUURRF  
GRRRRUUFF

ELENA!  
ELENA!

ELENA!  
ARE YOU  
OKAY?

MIRK  
MIRK  
MIRK

WUUURRF  
WUUURRF

RAARRF  
GRRRRUUFF

ROWWWFFF  
ROWWWFFF  
ROWWWFFF

YAP YAP  
YAP YAP

ROOOWWOOD

ELENA!

ANSWER  
ME!

WUUURRF  
WUUURRF

MIRK  
MIRK  
MIRK





OH NO!  
ELENA!



SHE'S GOT  
A PULSE!



SENSI,  
CALL 9-1-1!



CALLING  
9-1-1.



THIS IS 9-1-1.  
WHAT IS YOUR  
EMERGENCY?

MY FRIEND IS  
NONRESPONSIVE,  
BUT BREATHING. I  
THINK SHE SLIPPED IN  
THE SNOW AND HIT  
HER HEAD!

WHAT  
IS YOUR  
LOCATION,  
SIR?

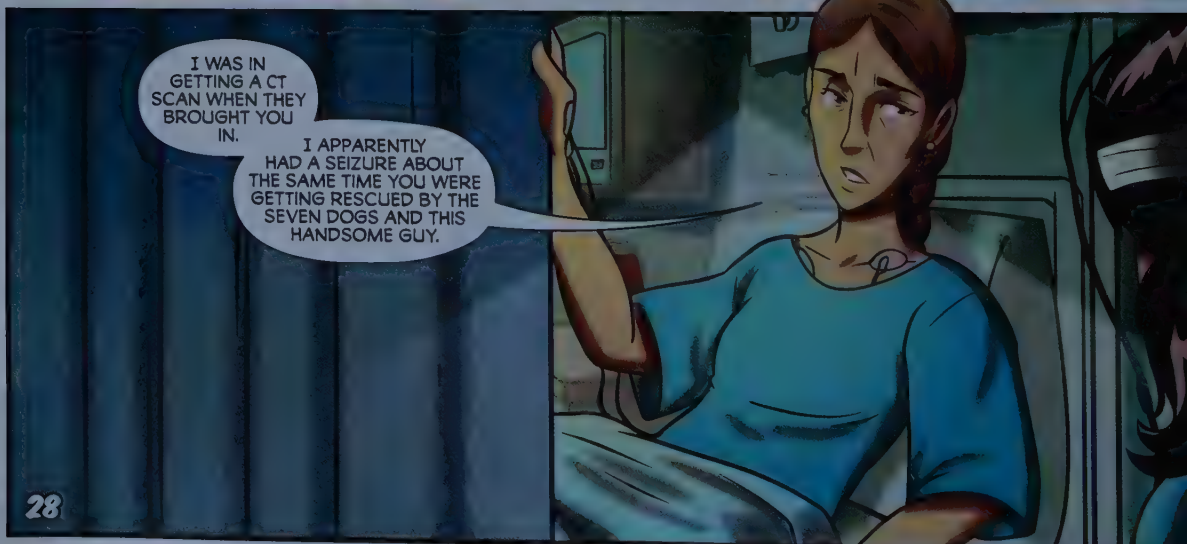
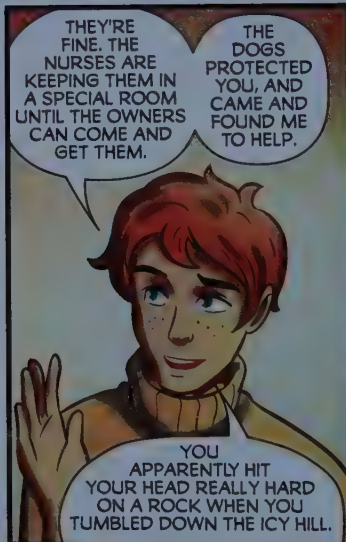
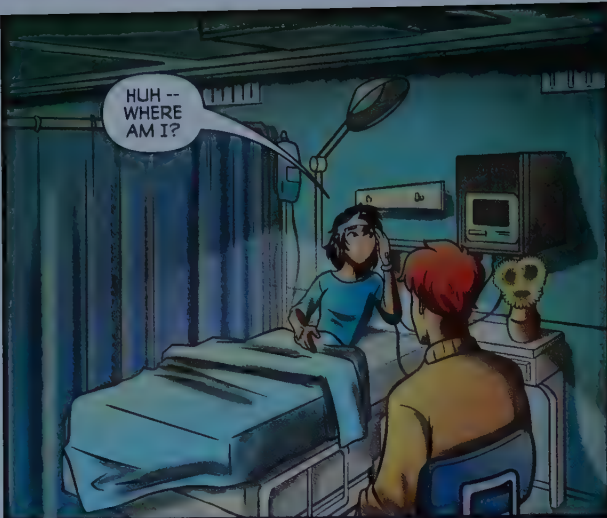
I DON'T  
KNOW. I'M BLIND.  
WE'RE SOMEWHERE  
NEAR THE DOG PARK  
ON JEFFERSON!  
THERE'S A SLOPE  
DOWN OFF THE  
SIDEWALK.

LEAVE THIS CALL  
OPEN, SIR, AND I  
WILL TRIANGULATE  
YOUR LOCATION. I'M  
DISPATCHING HELP  
NOW!

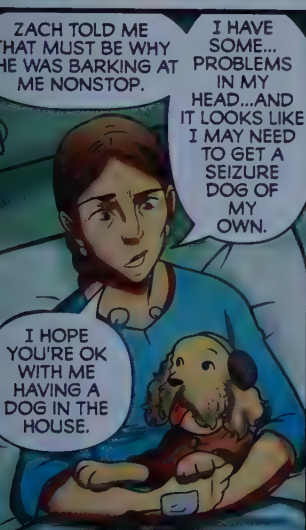
STAY WITH  
US, PRINCESS.  
YOUR DOGS  
NEED YOU.

I NEED  
YOU.













# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

CARING FOR OTHERS AND HAVING A DESIRE TO UNDERSTAND AND HELP IS A FORM OF "EMPATHY." PEOPLE WITH EMPATHY TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT ANOTHER PERSON IS THINKING OR FEELING, AND TRY TO HELP THEM. IF EVERYONE PRACTICED EMPATHY, THERE WOULD BE LESS MISUNDERSTANDING AND ANGER IN THE WORLD. PEOPLE WOULD BE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF FIGHTING.

- Elena has been teased for the white streak in her hair. Since Zach can't see her, he learns what she's like as a person, rather than what she looks like. He sees the beauty in her heart and her personality. Have you been judged by how you look instead of how you behaved? How did you deal with that?
- Zach has been blind since birth, so he's independent, even if he uses a cane and a guide dog. He has the same needs for food, friendship, and fun as everybody else. Have you ever known someone who is blind or visually impaired? Have you ever offered to help them, or asked what the world is like for them? You might be surprised at what they "see" in the world!
- Elena's stepmother ignores her headaches until they become dangerous. Sometimes finding out about medical problems that aren't visible can be scary. Have you ever had something that didn't feel right about your health that you ignored? Did it get worse?
- Elena's stepmother did eventually seek help. Often, finding out about medical problems early can help doctors or therapists stop the progress of the problem. What happened when you finally decided to get help with the problem?
- Elena helps Zach because she has empathy. They become friends, and Zach helps Elena when she is in trouble. Helping others is sometimes called "selflessness" because you aren't doing it for yourself. Have you ever helped somebody because it was the right thing to do? Was it fun? Did you make them feel better? Did that make you feel better?



# NEW STORIES & OLD TALES: FAIRY TALE FUN FACTS

1. Many fairy tales happen "once upon a time," and are not rooted in specific places or time periods. They often end with magical and happy events, earned by the heroes or heroines of the story due to their strength, kindness, and perseverance.
2. The first version of Snow White was titled "Sneewittchen." It was written by the Brothers Grimm in their first collection of *Grimm Fairy Tales*. That story contained the familiar elements of a poisoned apple, seven dwarfs, a magic mirror, an evil queen, and a glass coffin.
3. Although they shared a name, the Snow White of the original Brothers Grimm story was not the same Snow White in their later story, "Snow White and Rose Red." In that story, two sisters help a freezing bear and are threatened by a wicked dwarf.
4. The seven dwarfs were named Blick, Flick, Glick, Snick, Plick, Whick, and Quee in the 1912 Broadway play of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. In the 1937 animated film from Walt Disney, the dwarves were given names that reflected their personalities: Doc, Grumpy, Sleepy, Happy, Bashful, Sneezy, and Dopey.
5. In 1892, writer Andrew Lang collected a series of magical international stories into *The Green Fairy Book*. This was the fourth in a series of twelve volumes of fairy tales. One of the stories in this volume was "The Three Dogs." It is about three magical dogs who helped a peasant save a princess from a dragon. The dogs were named Salt, Pepper, and Mustard.





# GLOSSARY

**BLIND/SIGHT-IMPAIRED** — Blind means of or relating to sightless persons. Sight-impaired means that a person's eyesight cannot be corrected to a "normal" level.

**ESCORT** — A person or group of persons accompanying another to give protection or as a courtesy.

**GUIDE DOG** — A dog trained to lead the blind or sight-impaired.

**OFF-LEASH DOG PARK** — A park is an area of land set aside for recreation or for its beauty. A dog park is a fun place for a dog to run and play. Off-leash parks are areas where dogs can interact with other dogs without their leashes.

**POLIOSIS** — Loss of color from the hair.



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This fractured fairy tale weaves the story of Elena Choine. She wishes she could hide the snow-white streak in her hair from her former beauty queen stepmom. More than anything, she wishes for a dog. She grants one of her wishes by walking six neighborhood dogs. The job introduces her to Zach and his seeing-eye dog. As the teens get to know each other, Elena feels seen. Will her wish to repair her relationship with her stepmom come true?



**BEAUTY AND THE BARISTA**

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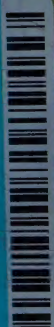
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